

PROTESTED INNOCENCE

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Protesting his innocence to the last and asserting that the witnesses against him had lied and maliciously set the wheels of justice grinding him, Candido Soto, the Porto Rican murderer of Pasquale Hernandez, was led to the scaffold in the yard of Oahu prison and dropped through the trap to eternity. Five minutes later the physicians in attendance declared the man dead, and justice had once more been done to one who would not take life.

In the presence of the prison guards, helmeted and armed with rifles, standing in a line twenty feet from the scaffold, and with perhaps a dozen others, physicians, newspaper men and officials, the trap was sprung without a hitch and death must have been instantaneous.

Shortly before the hour set for the execution, High Sheriff Henry, in full uniform, Jailer Temple Bourke, Drs. Moore, Judd and Johnson of Chicago, under-wardens and newspaper men, filed into the gloomy corridor, known as "Murderer's Row," where other men who are alleged to have destroyed human life are kept in cells awaiting final judgment of the court. In cell 113, from which the Porto Rican murderer of the late Edward Damon was led forth to the same scaffold, Candido Soto sat awaiting his doom. He was attired in a new suit of dark clothes. He was a man past middle life, for his mustache was gray. He sat on a stool behind his grated door and there listened to the death warrant which was read by the High Sheriff. During the reading Soto twisted and twisted a handkerchief in his hands, but otherwise he was outwardly calm. When interpreter Gombs began the translation of the document, Soto betrayed interest, and when it was finished, he arose and in the Spanish tongue asked permission to say a few words. The High Sheriff assented.

Then straightening himself up to his full height and placing his face close to the bars, Soto talked quickly and vehemently, making many gesticulations, his hands moving expressively. He was halted at times while the interpreter translated his words. It was a vigorous protest against the execution on the ground that he was innocent of the crime attributed to him and for which he had been found guilty.

"It happened this way, that Pasquale Hernandez came to his death," he explained. "As I testified in the Lihue jail, I did not kill him with my own hands; I did not plead guilty that day as they said I did; I stammered a little then, but that was all and I did not plead guilty. On the Saturday I was sworn to come here I did not even plead guilty.

"This charge against me was maliciously brought.

"It is said by the corporal (jailer) there at Lihue that when he was bringing me tied up, I told him I did not want to be tied and that I would kill him if he tied me. That is a lie. I did not say so. Then he said that I told him I had killed Pasquale Hernandez and that is a lie of his—I did not.

"He said that in the court and I never told him I killed Pasquale Hernandez. This is a very unjust case against me. He killed himself by his own hands."

The Sheriff here interrupted the prisoner, to signify that he did not wish to hear any more, but the condemned man quickly resumed his dying statement.

"If I had killed him I would have said I had done so, but nevertheless it would not help me. It was his own knife in his own hands that killed him. I said that he attacked me at the time—but the rest was lost in the creaking of the door and the noise of the jailers as they entered the cell to place the straps about the man's arms.

Soto was led then to the scaffold by the jailer, being met almost at the brink of the trap by Father Clement of the Catholic Mission, whose lips moved in prayer until the end came. Soto seemed to take an interest in the proceedings. He looked down at the trap, then up to where the rope passed around the heavy beam overhead and then at the men who fastened the leg straps. The black cap darkened his vision, the noose was adjusted and with a whirl of the electric dynamo, the trap was sprung at 11:04 and at 11:13 the man was pronounced dead by Drs. Moore and Judd.

Soto had a quarrel with Hernandez in a house at Lihue one night. The other inmates were scared away, and on their return they found Hernandez dead. The murderer was traced to his own cottage where he was making preparations for flight.

ANOTHER SOTO TELLS OF KAU MURDER

When Candido Soto, the Porto Rican murderer, stepped out of cell 113 at Oahu Prison yesterday morning to go to his death on the scaffold, he was merely vacating the cell for another Porto Rican charged with murder to enter it. By an odd coincidence the new inmate's name is Liverato Soto, and he is a friend of the alleged Porto Rican murderer who was brought up from Ewa recently to be held for trial. Liverato is from Kau, Hawaii, and he is charged with the murder of a Chinaman. Liverato was brought to Honolulu yesterday on the Mauna Loa, having been committed to the prison until the trial court is ready for him.

Soto was quite willing to talk about his case. He was told that the other Soto had passed to the great beyond.

He exclaimed: "That's all right. I suppose that's the law of the country. I live in the United States now and if that is the law, all right. Only I ask that I be allowed to see a father confessor before I die, then you can take me out and hang me too."

Liverato Soto is evidently of the opinion that having been brought to Honolulu he is to be hanged at the first opportunity.

He told an interesting story of the murder of the Chinaman. He said to the police officers at the station house that he and the Chinaman had gone together into an upper cane-field above the plantation in Kau, together. He carried a gun and the Chinaman had a knife. Liverato told the Chinaman to go up along the flume to do some work. The Chinaman answered back that he wouldn't budge on such orders. Liverato said he would, but both were laughing all the time. Liverato said they talked of killing each other. The Chinaman had his big cane knife raised and he had leveled his rifle in the Chinaman's direction. He was fooling with the lock when the gun suddenly went off and the bullet went through the Chinaman's head. In falling so, Liverato said, the knife was accidentally plunged into the holder's neck. When he, Liverato, raised the body to get the knife out, the head was almost severed. He decided to put the body to one side of the road and did so. Then he and the Chinaman's dog went down to the plantation. Liverato said he had decided to tell the "boss" about it, but didn't. The next day he went to the Chinaman's lodgings and took away his revolver, some money and a pair of trousers. The trousers, he said, he intended to put on the dead Chinaman.

"Were you going to bury him," asked an officer.

"No," answered Liverato. "I was just going to dress him up."

Then Liverato was arrested. Searchers followed the Chinaman's dog who led them to the body.

Some people regard it as a bad omen that Liverato should be placed in cell 113, for two Porto Ricans have already been taken from it to the gallows.

GRIP'S UGLY SEQUEL

KNEES STIFF, HANDS BELLLESS, RHEUMATISM NEAR HEART

Mrs. Van Scoy Experiences Dangerous After-Effects From Grip and Learns Value of a Blood Remedy.

The grip leaves behind it weakened vital powers, thin blood, impaired digestion and over-sensitive nerves—a condition that makes the system an easy prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, rheumatism, nervous prostration, and even consumption.

The story told by scores of victims of the grip is substantially the same. One was tortured by terrible pains at the base of the skull; another was left tired, faint and in every way wretched from anaemia or scantiness of blood; another had horrible headaches, was nervous and couldn't sleep; another was left with weak lungs, difficulty in breathing and acute neuralgia. In every case relief was sought in vain until the great blood-builder and nerve-tonic, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, was used. For quickness and thoroughness of action nothing is known that will approach it.

Mrs. Van Scoy makes a statement that supports this claim. She says:

"I had a severe attack of grip and, before I had fully recovered, rheumatism set in and tormented me for three months. I was in a badly run-down state. Soon after it began I was so lame for a week that I could hardly walk. It kept growing steadily worse and at last I had to give up completely and for three weeks I was obliged to keep my bed. My knees were so stiff I couldn't bend them, and my hands were perfectly helpless. Then the pains began to threaten my heart and thoroughly alarmed me.

"While I was suffering in this way I chanced to run across a little book that told about the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The statements in it impressed me and led me to buy a box. These pills proved the very thing I needed. Improvement set in as soon as I began to take them, and it was very marked by the time I had finished the first box. Four boxes made me a well woman."

Mrs. Laura M. Van Scoy lives at No. 29 Thorpe street, Danbury, Conn. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are equally well adapted for any other of the diseases that follow in the train of grip. They are sold by all druggists.

FOUND LIFE BUOY.

Thursday afternoon as George Schrader was returning home to Walluku from Kahului he saw a derelict in the shape of a life buoy on the beach. On closer examination of it he could make out the letters "Comp" but the balance of the letters were obliterated. It is believed that the buoy is from the Schooner Compeer, whose home port is San Francisco. This schooner is according to the 1905 register of vessels, owned by S. B. Peterson of San Francisco, California, and was built at Humboldt, California in 1877. The register gives the captain's name as Birkholm. The San Francisco Guide of May 6 has the Compeer at Port Blakeley loading for San Francisco—Maui News.

A more recent register gives the name of the Compeer's captain as Lapping.

HOUSE RAISES PAY ALL ALONG THE LINE

The Senate put in a waiting day yesterday, passing on second reading the Paris resolution calling for the appointment of a commission to revise the election laws, and a bill to pay an old account of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry dating from Governor Dole's time, while the House considered and so held up the really important appropriation bills. There was not a sign of a conference on the current expenses bill anywhere visible.

The House devoted the day to raising salaries and providing for the band. And that means a hot fight, of course, when the bill goes to conference, because the Senate is rather inclined to lower them than otherwise.

THE SENATE.

The Senate met and adjourned very peacefully yesterday, although there was just a hint of war when Dickey moved that Senate Bill 7, making alternative appropriations, in case the County Act should be declared invalid, be referred to the Ways and Means Committee under suspension of the rules. There was discussion upon it threatening for just a moment to grow acrimonious, when President Isenberg ruled the motion out of order, as the bill had not passed first reading.

Dickey insisted that it had passed, and that the vote so passing it had been reconsidered. This, he said, had left the bill in the hands of the clerk.

"There is nothing before the Senate," said President Isenberg, "but I will instruct the clerk to return that bill to the Judiciary Committee, that it may be introduced in due form and take the regular course."

"And that is the only way to settle it," said Dowssett.

A letter from the House informed the Senate of the adoption of the conference committee reports on Senate bills 5 and 6. The House likewise returned Senate Bill 8 as having passed. The communications were laid on the table.

Senate Resolution No. 1, the Paris resolution introduced yesterday, providing for the appointment of a commission for the revision of the election laws, was read for the second time and passed. It will be read for the third time today.

Senate Bill 9, appropriating \$50 to pay bills contracted in behalf of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, passed second reading. It will be read for the third time today.

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives spent the whole of yesterday in considering the salaries bill (S. B. No. 2) on third reading. It finally passed that last ordeal, but it got through in such a shape that its own fond parents will not know it when they see it.

There were increases all along the line, so many, in fact, that ten members refused to vote for the passage of the third reading on the ground that the bill did not know whether the bill as amended brought salaries within the amount available out of Territorial revenues.

That there will be a hot fight in conference goes without saying and that some salaries raised by the House will get cut again is equally apparent.

BAND WANTED.

The only interesting debate of the day was over the Territorial Band, which was brought up by Aylett's moving to appropriate \$33,000 for the salaries of a bandmaster, bandmen and two vocalists.

Aylett made a strong appeal for Territorial support to the band, tracing its history since its foundation and declaring that its work had brought credit to the whole of Hawaii.

SMITH OBJECTS.

Smith of Hilo objected most strenuously to the Territory's paying for "Honolulu's plaything." The band was an excellent institution he said, but Oahu ought to pay for it. If the County of Oahu would not do it, there are private individuals in Honolulu well able to support the band if it came to be a question of whether the band was to remain in existence or not.

Nakuina supported the band appropriation, as did Coelho, also a representative of an island other than Oahu. Coelho made a strong appeal in favor of the band, in which he declared that the present band had done a great deal more than most people imagined in advertising the Islands.

A motion to indefinitely postpone was lost on a vote of ayes 10, noes 15, and the item for the band passed.

TREASURER'S SALARY.

Kaleiupu moved that the salary of the treasurer which had been advanced by the House committee from \$250 per month to \$300 be reduced again to \$250. The amendment lost on a vote of 13 to 12.

Kaleiupu moved a new item for the bureau of taxes as follows:

Four assistant deputy assessors \$125,000
One clerk, \$100,000 2,400
Four clerks, \$75,000 7,200

Total \$21,600

The amendment was adopted and the corresponding general item of \$46,400 was reduced to \$24,800 to keep in the amount.

UP GO WAGES.

Kalawala moved to increase the salary of registrar of public accounts from \$225 to \$250. The motion carried.

Kaleiupu moved to increase the salary of the registrar of the bureau of conveyances from \$175 to \$200; deputy registrar and indexer, \$125; two clerks, \$75, and five clerks, \$60. The amendment was adopted.

Kaleiupu moved to increase the pay of the surveyor from \$225 to \$250. The amendment carried.

Another Kaleiupu amendment was to increase the salary of the first deputy clerk of the Supreme Court from \$125 to \$150; second deputy from

\$125 to \$150, and (new item) bailiff, librarian and messenger, \$75. The items passed.

THE DEPUTY AUDITOR.

Mahelona moved to increase the salary of deputy auditor from \$175 to \$225. The motion was lost.

Lewis had a motion to increase the Hilo sanitary inspector's salary from \$115 to \$125. Carried.

Kaleiupu moved to place the salary of the Superintendent of the Board of Immigration at \$1 instead of \$50. The amendment failed.

Nakuina moved to divide the sum of \$600,000 for support of schools as follows:

"Pay of teachers receiving \$80 a month and upwards, \$135,000.

"Pay of teachers receiving \$75 a month and under, \$465,000. Total, \$600,000."

Coelho introduced a new item to provide a salary for a second district magistrate at Hana at \$15 a month.

MORE JUMPS.

Mahelona's motion to increase the salary of the clerk of the Honolulu water works from \$100 to \$125 was passed.

Kalawala moved to increase the salary of Oahu's tax assessor from \$225 to \$250.

Kaleiupu moved to amend a line to fix the salary of the Chinese and Hawaiian interpreter at \$100. The item passed.

On Mahelona's motion the pay of guards and assistants at the Girls' Industrial school was increased from \$1200 to \$2160.

Kaleiupu moved to decrease the pay of the Commissioner of Public Lands from \$300 to \$250. The motion was lost.

A BACKDOWN.

Kaleiupu on the opening of the afternoon session moved the reconsideration of the item respecting salaries and commissions of deputy tax assessors and collectors. He withdrew his amendment and the item passed in a lump sum of \$46,400 as recommended by the committee of the House.

On Nakuina's motion the salary of the District Magistrate of Molokai was raised from \$30 to \$40.

Mahelona's motion to raise the salary of the District Magistrate of Lihue from \$80 to \$90 passed.

STILL RISING.

On Liliuokalani's motion the salaries of two Hawaiian interpreters were increased from \$100 to \$125.

Lewis's motion to increase the pay of the first assistant of the survey department from \$150 to \$165 was adopted.

Mahelona moved to amend the item regarding Honolulu pilot boys' pay to read, "Eight pilot boys at \$45 each."

NO HILO BAND.

Smith introduced a new item for the support and maintenance of the Hilo band, \$10,000. The motion was negatived by a vote of 13 to 12.

Lewis moved to increase the salary of the assistant clerk, messenger and interpreter of the Fourth Circuit Court from \$75 to \$85. The motion carried.

Harris moved that an item for the payment of \$100 a month to a first assistant clerk to the Secretary of the Territory be inserted in the bill. He explained that a clerk was needed to look after the Chinese registrations. The item was inserted.

Sheldon moved to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Waimea water works from \$30 to \$40. The motion carried.

On Lewis's motion the salary of the District Magistrate of Hamakua was raised from \$75 to \$80.

A BAND IN LIHUE!

Rice had an amendment for support of the Lihue band, \$4000, but it was promptly tabled.

Kalawala moved to increase the salary of the District Magistrate of Ewa from \$75 to \$90. The motion carried.

Nakuina moved to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from \$250 to \$300 and of the Secretary of the Education Department from \$125 to \$150. Both items carried.

Rice moved to increase the Honolulu school agent's salary from \$125 to \$150, and the motion passed.

On Nakuina's motion the physician for North Kohala had his stipend raised from \$25 to \$40.

The bill as amended passed third reading by 16 to 10. Cox led the negatives, declaring that he would not vote for the bill unless he was assured that the amount of the bill was within the Territorial revenue. Hain, Holstein, Kaniho, Mahelona, Shipman, Smith, Mahiko, Sheldon and Waterhouse also voted in the negative.

The House rose at 4 o'clock to meet again at 10 this morning.

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THE SENATE.

The Senate yesterday refused to concur in the House amendments to the Loan bill, appropriations under which had been increased to \$1,302,500, and President Isenberg appointed the old Loan committee, Bishop, McCandless, Paris, Hayselden and Gandall, as a conference committee.

Dickey tried to call up Senate Bill 7, his anchor to windward making appropriations to cover Territorial expenses in case the County Bill should

be declared invalid by the courts, but was beaten on a point of order. Later in the session Bishop introduced a similar bill in regular fashion, and it passed first reading despite the protest of Kalama, whose motion to reject was supported only by the votes of Woods, Brown and himself.

Senate Bill 9, appropriating \$50 to pay an old debt of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, passed third reading without dissent.

Senate joint resolution No. 1, the Paris resolution, providing for a commission to revise the election laws, came up on third reading. It passed. Dickey, Hayselden, Kalama, McCandless, Woods and Hewitt, voted against it.

Lane wanted to take up the Governor's nominations of election inspectors and for that purpose blocked a motion to adjourn. Then, from the Judiciary Committee, Achi explained that he had consulted with the Governor relative to these appointments, and the conclusion had been reached that the names had better not be confirmed. There was danger that the men who had been appointed as Home Rulers might turn over and become Republicans before the next general election, or men who had been appointed as Republicans might turn Home Rulers. In that case, the complexion of the election boards would be changed and each party would not have representation, as was provided under the law.

There was some doubt as to the proper course under the circumstances, and so an adjournment was taken until Monday to give the Judiciary Committee time for further consultation upon the matter.

THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives held an hour's session on Saturday morning but did very little, for the very good reason that there was very little to be done.

Senate Bill No. 9, to reimburse Douglas McDowell of Joplin, Mo., in the sum of \$50, an outstanding account of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, was read for the first time.

The House killed the Senate's joint resolution calling for the appointment of a commission of five to revise the election laws of Hawaii. The vote stood 12 to 12.

Speaker Knudsen named Waterhouse, Sheldon, Pail, Holstein and Harris a committee of conference with the Senate committee on the Loan Bill (S. B. No. 3).

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

JAPANESE DEMOCRACY

Within the past few days a battalion of Japanese laborers from Honolulu plantation has been in attendance on the sessions of the Territorial grand jury. The natural presumption was that a big gambling game at Alea had been spotted, but the fact is that a case of alleged conspiracy was being investigated.

This fact brings up an account of a remarkable organization of Japanese which revealed its existence on Oahu plantation lately. The Alea camp formed a complete system of government, with president and other executive officers elected by the laborers. An elaborate constitution and code of laws was framed.

The little democracy of the Mikado's subjects even had its own police force to aid in executing its laws. Among its statutes was one providing that if any wanderers from another camp, or any professional agitators, gamblers, vagrants, etc., should enter within the bounds of Alea camp the police were immediately to beat them and thrust them without the camp.

Whether the little democracy has anything to do with the conspiracy matter before the grand jury cannot at present be ascertained.

It is said the first that Manager J. A. Low knew of the organization was when the leaders went to him with their constitution and laws, requesting him in most ingenious and polite manner to ratify the enactments.

SUIT FOR BALANCE ON ROAD CONTRACT

L. M. Whitehouse, contractor, is being sued for a claimed balance due on a sub-contract to G. J. McCarty in the building of the Kipapa-Waikakalua Gulch road on this island. The suit is based on an agreement dated November 15, 1904, under Whitehouse's contract with the Government, whereby it was agreed as alleged that McCarty was to excavate 7261 cubic yards and be paid for the work the same price as the Government should pay Whitehouse for that portion of the contract. The work was finished on January 28, 1905.

McCarty alleges that Whitehouse received 20 cents a cubic yard from the Government, making \$1452.20, and extras on the sub-contract, bringing the amount up to \$1576. Instead of paying him this sum Whitehouse has only paid him \$1193, having cut down his measurements to reduce the figure, so McCarty alleges. The suit is for the balance of \$383.18. Messrs. Hogan and Humphreys are the attorneys for plaintiff.

A SAFE MEDICINE.

Mothers of small children need not hesitate to administer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It contains no opiate or narcotic in any form and may be given to a baby with as much confidence and cures quickly. For sale by all Dealers and Druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

Through the kindness of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., and High Sheriff Henry, A. P. Taylor of the Advertiser staff went along with the expedition to Lahaina in the steamer Kinau.

A DESERTER IS LASSED

MAUI, May 20.—The captain of the ship Manga Reva, now at Kahului waiting for cargo of sugar, is having much trouble through the desertion of his sailors. He has lost four of them up to date and others have tried unsuccessfully to abandon the ship.

The Manga Reva arrived last Thursday from San Francisco and anchored outside, seemingly very near the reef. On Friday three sailors escaped by swimming ashore, while the fourth, almost drowned in the surf near the beach, was rescued by the ship's boat. He was taken back to the vessel, rolled on a barrel and finally revived.

On Wednesday the ship came to an inside anchorage and began to load sugar. Yesterday other sailors tried to get away. One in attempting to swim ashore was seen by the mate, who, stripping quickly, jumped into the water with a rope in his hand with which he lassoed the runaway and brought him back to the ship. Three other sailors, one of whom was the one nearly drowned a week ago, were found stowed away in the lighter hidden between bags of sugar.

The captain states that his crew of 27 men is the "toughest" he has ever seen, and he will have to be most vigilant if he wishes to retain enough jacktars to sail the vessel around the Horn to Delaware Breakwater.

LITERARY MEETING.

Last evening the May meeting of the Makawao Literary Society took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Nicoll of Hamakua. A large number of people were in attendance and the following delightful program of entertainment was rendered:

Angelus Solo.....
Duet.....
Mrs. W. S. Nicoll and H. W. Baldwin.
Angelus Solo.....
Vocal Solo.....
Miss Irene Crook.
Trio.....
Mrs. J. J. Hair, Messrs. S. R. Dowdle and H. W. Baldwin.
Piano Solo.....
Mrs. H. A. Baldwin.
Monologue.....
Miss Cunningham.
Vocal Solo.....
Rev. B. V. Bazata.
Angelus Solo.....

The bass solo by Mr. Bazata was especially appreciated. After the program a presentation was made by Mr. D. C. Lindsay of a purse of gold to Mr. D. D. Baldwin as a testimonial from the attendants of the Paia Foreign church showing their appreciation of his faithful service as church organist for many years past.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Forty-nine delegates from Maui and Molokai, either in person or by proxy, will assemble at Walluku courthouse at 10 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officials for the County of Maui. The hour of opening the convention was made late in order to accommodate the Hana delegations that are to arrive by the steamer Claudine. It is anticipated that an afternoon and evening session will complete all necessary business.

The political gossip of the hour has it that the four Republican candidates for sheriff are L. M. Baldwin, J. W. Kalua, S. E. Kellinot, and W. G. Scott. T. B. Lyons, who has been nominated by the Democrats, has much political popularity and is a strong candidate for sheriff. However if Wm. White of Lahaina, the well known Home Rule politician, "makes a running," as it seems probable, the contest will be a three-cornered one and should prove favorable to the Republicans.

It is reported that the position of treasurer with its necessary \$15,000 bond is going begging. No one up to date has consented to run for the office.

MAUNAOLU SEMINARY.

Thursday afternoon a meeting of trustees of Maunaloa Seminary was held in the school building, Paia. H. P. Baldwin presiding. Miss Husner was appointed principal in place of Miss Snow, resigned. The resignation of one of the most able teachers, Mrs. Gossin, was accepted with regret. The summer term will end on June 13, on which day for the first time in the history of the school printed certificates signed by the president of trustees and the principal will be presented to each graduate. Five or six girls will receive these diplomas.

NOTES.

A new Mormon church recently erected at Peahi near the government school house was dedicated on Sunday last. There was quite a large attendance and a grand luau terminated the exercises of the occasion.

On the 15th the barkentine Amaranth arrived in Kaanapali with coal. On the 16th Acting Dep. Collector G. S. Aiken of Kahului visited Lahaina for the purpose of inspecting the vessel.

Last Saturday afternoon a lively game of polo was played on Paia grounds by the following teams: F. F. Baldwin, H. A. Baldwin, and C. C. Krumph